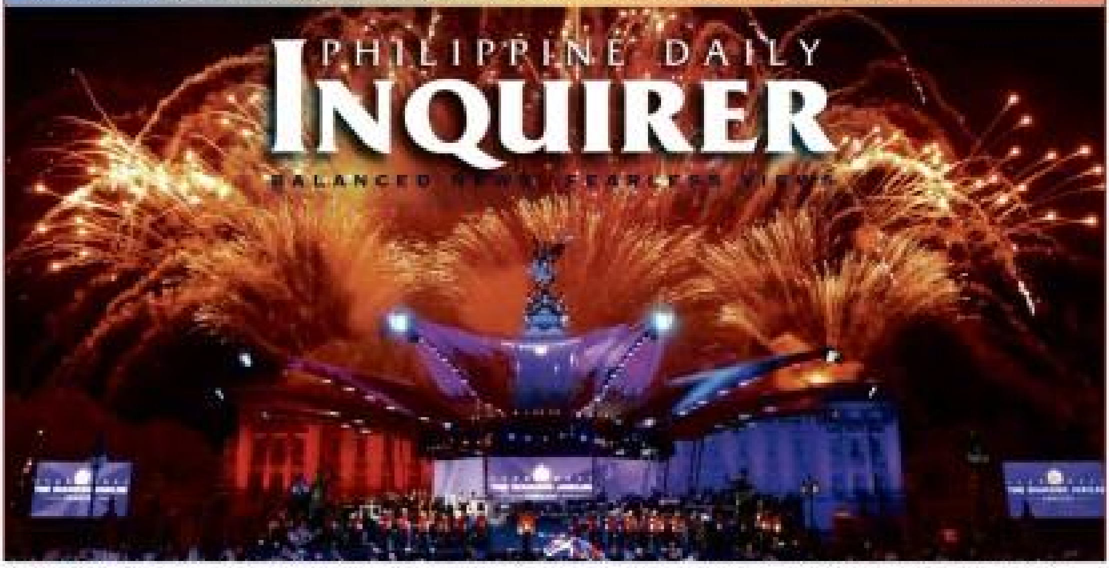
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POMP AND PAGEANTRY make way for fireworks and rock music in front the Buckingham Palace during Monday's diamond jubilee concert in London. Large crowds gathered on the grand red road leading to Queen Elizabeth II's London palace for the pop concert on the third day of her diamond jubilee to celebrate her 60 years on the throne. REUTERS

Full land reform by 2016

Palace: P-Noy to fulfill Cory vow by term's end

By Norman Bordadora

PRESIDENT Aquino will make his best effort to implement fully the agrarian reform program his mother, democracy icon Corazon Aquino, launched 24 years ago before he steps down in 2016, Malacañang said yesterday.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad issued the statement as hundreds of farmers converged in Manila for a huge rally at Malacañang on Friday at the end of a 10-day march from various points in Mindanao and Negros Occidental to seek a firm commitment from Mr. Aquino that he will distribute the remaining 900,000 hectares of prime agricultural lands before the program ends in 2014.

"The government will try its best to complete the program by the time the Aquino administration completes its term," said Abad, himself an agrarian reform secretary during the Corazon Aquino administration that enacted the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) on June 10, 1988.

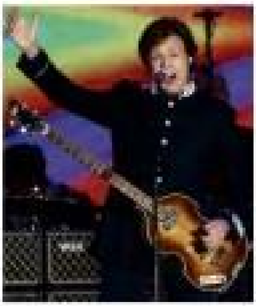
Abad said in a text message to the Inquirer that the process of acquisition and distribution may continue even after the five-year extension of CARP, called Carper law, ends in two years.

"Even if the Carper law expires by 2014, for as long as notices [of coverage] have been issued and the process of acquisition have started, that process up to distribution, we believe, can continue beyond 2014," he said.

Abad noted that the govern-

FULL LAND A17





BRITAIN'S Prince Charles kisses the hand of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, during the diamond jubilee concert in front of Buckingham Palace. Pop royalty, including Paul McCartney (right photo), Stevie Wonder and Elton John, entertained the queen and 10,000 ticket-holders who watched the performances live on a circular stage. REUTERS

London rocks for the queen

LONDON—Elton John sang "I'm Still Standing," Stevie Wonder crooned "Isn't She Lovely," and Paul McCartney belted out "All My Loving" as musical royalty celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's 60-year reign with a fireworks-filled concert outside Buckingham Palace.

The Beatles star closed the diamond jubilee show in style with a blazing rendition of "Live And Let Die" and a mass singalong of "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da," as hundreds of thousands of revelers turned the heart of London into a sea of Union Jack flags.

Prince Charles gave a touch-

LONDON A16

Ratification of PH-Aussie military pact set at Senate

By Michael Lim Ubac

ALARMED by the growing aggressiveness of China, the Senate leadership is poised to ratify today the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (Sovfa) between the Philippines and Australia, a military treaty that does not allow basing rights and retains the country's jurisdiction over heinous crimes such as rape.

Only Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago has kept the Senate at bay, frustrating efforts by the chamber, led by the Senate foreign relations committee chair, Loren Legarda, to have the treaty, signed five years ago, passed as early as Monday.

For two days in a row, Santiago had effectively derailed the

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P-NOY IN LONDON President Aquino is welcomed by British officials, led by Baroness Rawlings (third from right), baroness in waiting to Queen Elizabeth II, at London's Heathrow Airport on Monday for his official working visit to the United Kingdom. (See story on Page A18) MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Venus blots sun's surface today

By Kristine L. Alave

VENUS, the planet named after the Roman goddess of beauty, will put a blemish on the face of the sun today, a celestial show that will not be seen again for a century.

Filipinos will be able to observe the astronomical phenomenon, called the transit of Venus, on Wednesday morning, from 6:09 a.m. to 12:49 p.m., according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

As long as the skies are clear, observers will see Venus appear as a small black "pimple" moving across the face of the sun, astronomers said.

"It will look as if there is a tiny black spot, like a small button on the sun," said Dario de la Cruz, head of Pagasa's astrono-

VENUS A17



Scare tactics for jaywalkers

By Miko Morelos

THE OMINOUS images couldn't be more direct to warn pedestrians than a man laying dead, with the word "jaywalker" splashed across his body, and another climbing over a fence at a busy intersection.

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Waiver by SC bets 'unconstitutional'

By Jerome Aning

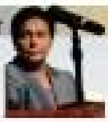
THE DECISION of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) to require all aspirants for the post of Chief Justice to waive the confidentiality of their bank accounts is unconstitutional because it imposes something not found in the Constitution, a lawyer said yesterday.

Romulo Macalintal said the waiver requirement was also discriminatory since it had not been required of the applicants for positions in the lower courts.

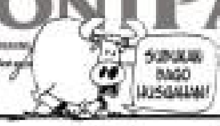
Section 7(1), Article VIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that appointees to the Supreme Court must be natural-born Fil-

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Leila, Kim are qualified to become CJ—Palace / A17



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Palace: Give K to 12 a chance

By Christine O. Avendaño and Tarra Quismundo

MALACAÑANG yesterday appealed to the public to give the government a chance to implement the new K to 12 education program amid opposition from certain sectors because of the many problems in the public school system, including a massive classroom shortage.

"There will always be resistance to something new but we have to [at some point] implement the program—if not now, when do we do it?" said presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

The K to 12 program adds two years to the elementary and high school curriculum to give students needed job skills, should they not go on to college.

The program is being implemented in the Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 7 levels this year. Grades 11 and 12, or senior high school, will be implemented in 2016.

The Department of Education (DepEd) started institutionalizing kindergarten for 5-year-olds under K to 12 last school year. This year, the DepEd is introducing new curricula for Grades 1 and 7 (the new first year high school).

New curricula for other grade levels will be introduced in the succeeding years so that by June 2016, the DepEd can start implementing senior high school.

Severe shortage

Lacierda was commenting on complaints from teachers and other stakeholders that the government should not be implementing the new program now with the public school system facing so many problems like a severe classroom shortage.

Lacierda acknowledged the lack of classrooms, "but we cannot wait for the classrooms to be built before we implement the K to 12 program."

He said the government was hoping to address the classroom shortage within the next two years. He said 50,000 classrooms needed to be built. He said 30,000 would be built through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program while the remaining 20,000 would be built by local government units.

Youth and teacher groups denounced the implementation of the K to 12 program and the government seemed ill-prepared for it and called for a halt to its implementation.

Benjo Basas, chair of Teachers' Dignity Coalition (TDC), said DepEd reports from the field showed a "generally orderly" class opening on Monday, except for major problems in public schools offering kindergarten.

Shift scheduling

At Longos Elementary School, for instance, the surge in kindergarten enrollment amid a lack of classrooms forced the school to hold classes in five shifts.

Ten kinder sections currently take turns holding classes in two classrooms. The shift scheduling also shortened kinder classes from three hours to only two hours daily.

Basas said the persistent problems at the school opening this year showed the government was not yet prepared to roll out K to 12 nationwide.

"It was a huge gamble for the DepEd. But the willingness and sincerity to implement are not enough if you do not have the capacity," said Basas.

The Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) also criticized the implementation of K to 12 without adequate funding and with no enabling law still to be passed. The current education law mandates the government to provide free basic education only for 11 years.

"The prevailing education crisis must be addressed more fundamentally and the K to 12 program, [President] Aquino's supposed legacy to the Filipino people, would only exacerbate the situation," said ACT secretary general France Castro.

Not the solution

Kabataan party-list Rep. Raymond Palatino said K to 12 would not solve the problems of the current 10-year education cycle.

He said government spending for education continued to fall short of levels recommended by the United Nations, which is 6 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). But Philippine spending in the past few years barely reached 3 percent of GDP.

Meanwhile, idled buildings and abandoned offices owned by the government may soon be used to address the classroom shortages, according to DepEd Assistant Secretary Jesus Mateo.

At the weekly forum hosted by the Catholic Media Network yesterday, Mateo said the department was seriously looking into turning underutilized or unused government facilities into classrooms.

He said the department was looking at daycare centers, village centers and barangay halls which were not being "maximized in [their] fullest." *With a report from Jocelyn Uy*

Prepare healthy, clean food—FDA

PREPARING a snack or lunch for a child in school? Avoid recycled foods. Keep frozen water bottles inside lunch boxes to keep the temperature cold and make sure that ingredients for food items prepared in advance are kept in the refrigerator.

As classes opened this week, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released simple tips to mothers, guardians and food handlers in school canteens on providing healthy and safe food for schoolchildren.

"Children who bring packed food or buy at the school canteen have to be protected from unsafe foods," underscored the FDA, citing poorly prepared and unsanitary food as the usual cause of food- and water-borne illnesses.

"The best way to prevent these diseases is to make sure everyone who prepares, serves or eats food in school takes proper steps to keep the food clean," it said.

While homemade snacks and meals are safe and more nutritious, mothers must make sure they are prepared properly, said FDA Deputy Director [illegible].

Sandwiches should be prepared a few minutes before the child leaves for school. [illegible] foods must be avoided and food prepared in advance containing meat and cheese should be stored in the refrigerator, the FDA advised.

Dairy products, eggs and sliced meats must not be packed immediately after cooking and must not be exposed to heat to avoid spoilage. They must also be consumed within four hours of preparation, said the FDA.

The FDA also has tips on keeping food cold longer. Use an insulated lunchbox or one with a frozen pack. Frozen water or milk can also help keep the temperature inside lunch box cold.

Children must also be reminded to keep them away from direct sunlight and other heat sources that could aid in the development of food-poisoning bacteria. *Jocelyn R. Uy*


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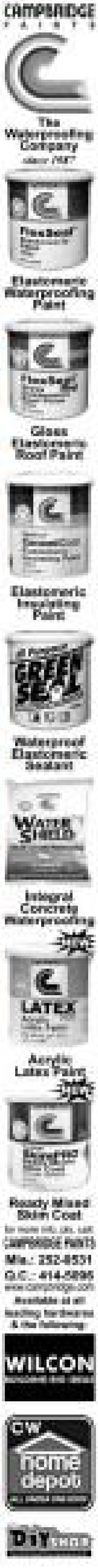
Nothing improper











200 VOTES AND SEVEN WINS

A Manifesto of Support for HB 5727: An Act Restructuring the Excise Tax on Alcohol and Tobacco Products

We support the immediate passage of House Bill 5727 that will (a) increase tax rates, (b) adopt a simplified tax system for alcohol and tobacco products, (c) index taxes to inflation, and (d) remove the freeze on price classifications, in order to achieve *SEVEN WINS* for the Filipino people.

HB 5727 is a WIN for the YOUTH:
The tobacco taxes will reduce the number of young smokers. The 2007 Global Youth Tobacco Survey found that about 27.3 percent of school children aged 13 to 15 years old are smokers, a 40 percent increase in youth smoking prevalence in a span of four years since 2003. Because cigarettes have become cheaper in real terms, these figures have increased since then.

HB 5727 is a WIN for the POOR:
The reforms will protect the poor who suffer the brunt of smoking-related diseases. The majority of the 300,000 Filipinos who die every year from these sicknesses like cancer come from the poor. Four out of ten of the poorest 20 percent of Filipino adults are current smokers, compared to one of four of the richest 20 percent who smoke regularly. The 2009 Family Income and Expenditure Survey shows that the poorest households spend a greater share of their income on tobacco than the rich households.

HB 5727 is a WIN for HEALTH:
The revenues will finance the Universal Health Care Program (UHC). The UHC will be able to broaden its beneficiaries and provide better health care services to the Filipino people. The outcome of bigger revenues and reduction of smoking prevalence will reduce the smoking-related disease burden estimated at PHP 177.2 billion in 2011.

HB 5727 is a WIN for the ECONOMY:
The robust increase in revenues will strengthen fiscal and macroeconomic health, improve credit and investment grade rating, and improve infrastructure and social services.

HB 5727 is a WIN for TOBACCO FARMERS:
Tobacco farmers will get earmarked funds equivalent to 15 percent of the incremental revenues from tobacco taxes for alternative livelihood and safety nets for tobacco farmers. Leveling the playing field will erode the power to dictate the price for the tobacco farmers' produce and will mean better prices for them.

HB 5727 is a WIN for POLITICIANS:
The new revenues will increase resources of local governments and congressional districts for PhilHealth and other health programs. Even more revenues will be allocated for tobacco-growing provinces.

HB 5727 is a WIN for the FUTURE:
The reforms spell long-term prosperity. The reforms will stem the silent epidemic of smoking- and alcohol-related diseases and deaths, improve the lives and capabilities of our nation's workforce, enhance quality of governance, and enable long-term inclusive growth.

We appeal to our legislators to act for its immediate passage. We have not forgotten what Speaker Belmonte declared in a speech on July 27, 2011. On that day, he said:

It is high time that we restructure our tobacco and alcohol excise taxes. The prevailing multi-tax classification of cigarette and alcohol products and the pegging of sin taxes at 1996 price levels have convoluted the tax system and shrunk the tax base, dampening the government's revenue efforts and essentially depriving the public of resources which could have been used to fund the most basic of services.

HB 5727, as amended is a bill whose time has come.

One bill. 200 Votes. Seven Wins for the Filipino people. Pass HB 5727, as amended now!

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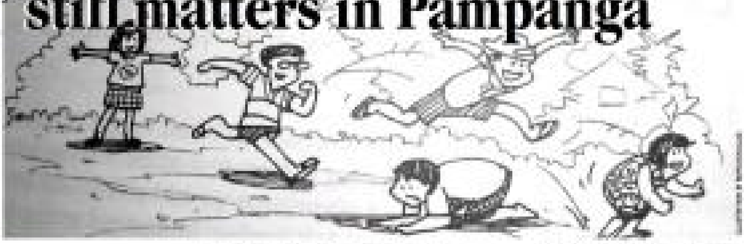
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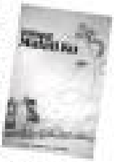
‘Pyalung’ still matters in Pampanga



ARE CHILDREN in Pampanga still playing ...

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In writing a book on Pampanga’s native games, composer revives one of the forms of child education

Credible, personal

This antique collector designs bowls from recycled wood

PEOPLE



Hard texture

Buried stumps



Across the NATION

2 Chinese mine ore traders kidnapped

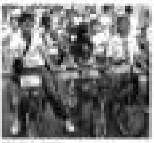
ZAMBOANGA CITY—Armed men on Monday kidnapped two Chinese nationals described as mineral ore traders as authorities continued to grapple with other kidnapping cases, including that of an Australian who was seized in December last year.

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Bikes ease school ride woes in N. Ecija town

HOMETOWN Snapshot

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STUDENTS from outlying villages of Jaen, Nueva Ecija, who [illegible] ... on Monday.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

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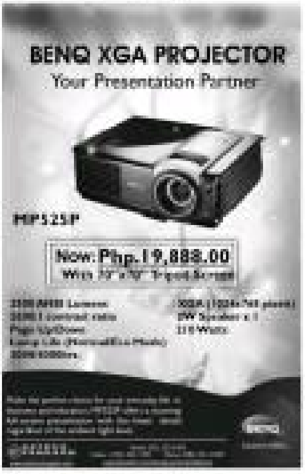
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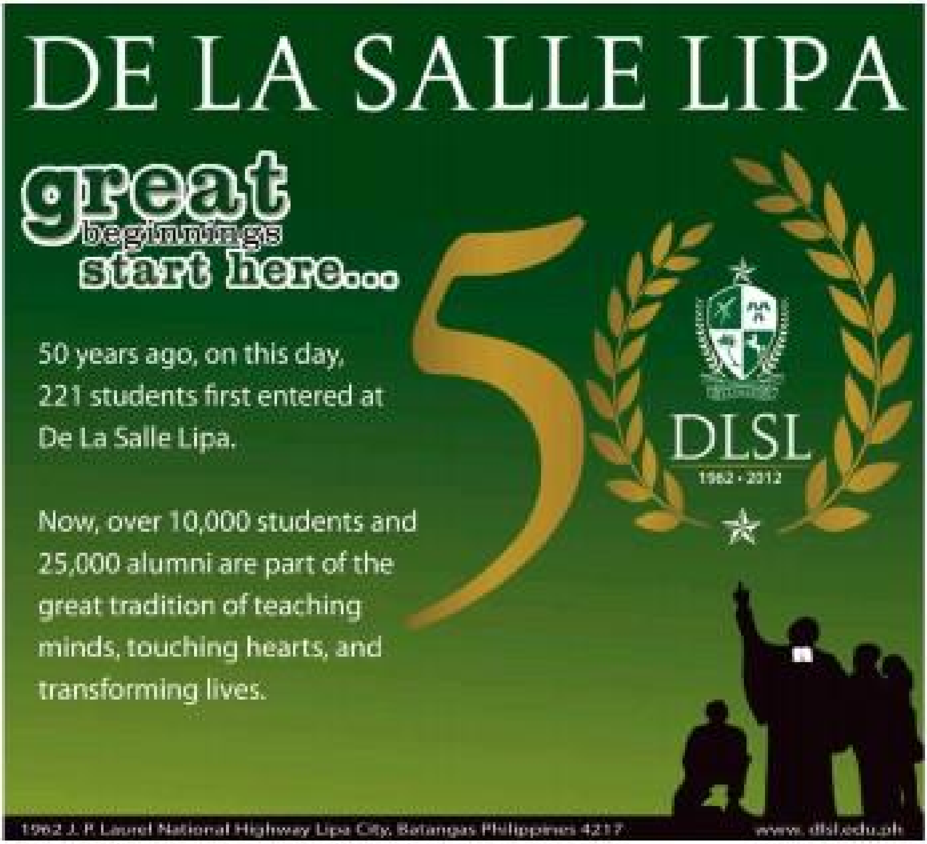
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OPINION

Right to know

THE INCONGRUITY between what is being pontificated and what is being done is too glaring to be missed. Judging from the lip service, everyone seems agreed on the noble purpose of and the urgent need for a Freedom of Information (FOI) law. Yet it does not look like the mother bill will get past the 15th Congress—and it is not because the proposed law is uncharted territory.

EDITORIAL

In the previous Congress, the Senate approved such a bill. No less than then Speaker Prospero Nograles firmly assured the nation that the House of Representatives was certain to pass it. But on the House's final day of session, the proposed law's long-dreamt enactment could not materialize for "lack of quorum." (To think that the House has given countless bills the thumbs-up despite sparse attendance, simply because nobody on the floor dared raise the question of quorum.)

And so the FOI bill, the enactment of which journalists have long clamored for, had to be filed again for approval by the present 15th Congress. Its chances? At this writing, the Senate committee on public information chaired by Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who renamed it the People's Ownership of Government Information (Pogi) bill, has forwarded its consolidated version for plenary deliberations. Malacañang had earlier expressed full support for the bill, with the submission of its own version to both chambers of the legislature. But given the reluctance of a large number of House members to make public their statements of assets, liabilities and net worth—which an FOI law will certainly make accessible to the public, whether they like it or not—it seems certain that we're headed for a rerun of the House's duplicity in the 14th Congress.

The proposed law is anchored on at least three basic democratic propositions: that all information related to governance, with very few strict exceptions, belong to the people; that the free flow of information is essential to the exercise of genuine democracy; and that free access to information ensures transparency and accountability.

These concepts are not novel, present-day inventions. They are in fact among the basic principles that animated American democracy from its birth, echoing through generations to the present, though articulated differently.

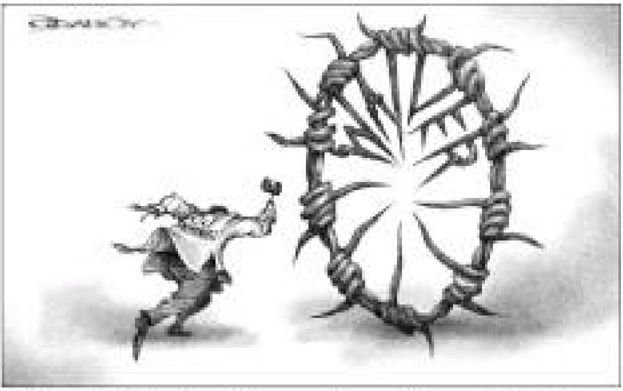
"[W]ere it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter," Thomas Jefferson, a founding father of American democracy, once said. It would serve the nation well if our lawmakers bear this immortal quote in mind.

"A popular government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or, perhaps, both," cautioned US President James Madison on Aug. 4, 1822.

Acquiring information through clear-cut, well-defined means is what an FOI law can usefully provide. After all, the right to information is a fundamental right enshrined in the Constitution. Section 7, Article III in the Bill of Rights states: "The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized. Access to official records, and to documents and papers pertaining to official acts, transactions, or decisions, as well as to government research data used as basis for policy development, shall be afforded the citizen, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law."

Thus, an FOI law will enable the exposure of both the government and public servants to the cleansing sunlight of transparency and accountability, and also the empowerment of the citizenry and the encouragement of an informed participation in government processes. As it is, access to vital information depends largely on the sufferance of the leaders of government agencies. (Sen. Teofisto Guingona put it simply: "If we want people to effectively participate in government, transparent and accessible information are vital. An FOI law is both a blessing and a challenge to good governance. If people have the right to information, they must learn to use the same to contribute to nation-building.")

This is the most auspicious time to enact the FOI bill, with the nation having just removed a chief justice by impeachment on issues of transparency and accountability. We must not lose the momentum for good governance. How ironic it would be if the House that impeached then Chief Justice Renato Corona once again passes up the opportunity.



Open high school for underprivileged students

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

CLASSES OPENED last Monday with a myriad problems. For this occasion, we invited to the Kapihan sa Manila at the Diamond Hotel Rep. Lani Mercado-Revilla of the lone district of Bacoor, Cavite, who has filed House Bill [illegible] that would establish an open high school system (OHSS) for underprivileged students, working students, as well as out-of-school adults, particularly in far-flung areas. Representative Revilla, the movie actress and wife of Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla, explained the details of her proposal. (The other guest was Sen. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III.)

The OHSS encourages self-learning and provides an alternative quality educational system to these students through print, television, radio and computer-based communications, satellite broadcasting and teleconferencing and other multi-media learning and teaching technologies that allow them to learn at their own pace and time without having to attend conventional classrooms.

This is how it works: Working students, students who help in the farm, disabled children and adults, and those who live in remote areas will be provided study modules which they can take home and from which they will learn their lessons. They don't have to go to a regular school but they can go periodically to a mother high school where there are teachers for consultations, instructions, and evaluation of each student's progress. The teachers will keep records of each student. There will also be teachers who will serve as guidance counselors, teachers with specialized skills in technical subjects such as furniture-making, handicraft, auto mechanics, tailoring and the like, as well as advisers of a club in the community who will help learners harmonize study, community service and leisure.

The learners will be allowed to proceed at their own pace but there will be examinations to determine if each student can be promoted to the next level.

The system will allow students who otherwise cannot go to a regular high school because they are working, are disabled, or live very far from a regular high school, to learn, finish high school and go to college. Thus, the students can continue working and study at their leisure, save time going to and from the school, and save on transportation money. It is also open to adults who want to finish high school.

The OHSS will be supervised and administered by the Department of Education in coordination with the University of the Philippines, which already provides an open educational system, as well as the Department of Interior and Local Government for coordination with local government units.

The House of Representatives approved the bill on third and final reading last May 30.

"Although the state has established a system of free public education in the high school level, many underprivileged students, working students, disabled and out-of-school adults, particularly in far-flung areas, are unable to avail themselves of this right because of their geographic location, physical condition as well as economic circumstances," Representative Revilla said.

The OHSS encourages self-learning, she said, adding:

"I understand that the Department of Education began implementing an open high school program in 1998 in one of the alternative schemes under the Drop-Out Reduction Program of the [illegible].

"At present there are some 30 schools all over the country that are offering the open high school program. Given this development, I believe it is high time that we institutionalized the open high school in the Philippines as an alternative learning system. For this will liberate the Filipino youth from the chains of ignorance and poverty.

"This is one of my pet bills, which I filed during my first day in office. I am glad that members of the House of Representatives share my quest to make education accessible to all Filipinos because education is not only the great equalizer but also the most powerful weapon that we can use to make the world a better place."

Meanwhile, Senator Pimentel seems to have softened his stand against former Sen. Migz Zubiri as a senatorial candidate in the 2013 elections. This is a coalition between PDP-Laban, of which Pimentel is the president, and the Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino of ex-President Joseph Estrada.

"I am personally against his inclusion, but if the party decides to include him ..." Pimentel said, leaving the sentence hanging.

Pimentel and Zubiri were bitter rivals for the last spot in the last senatorial race. Zubiri was proclaimed winner but Pimentel filed an election protest. After serving more than half of the term, Zubiri resigned and left the last Senate slot to Pimentel.

For the 2013 elections, Zubiri tried to join PDP-Laban and he was one of its senatorial candidates, but his rival, Pimentel, opposed it. He then joined Erap's PMP and was named one of its senatorial candidates. PMP has coalesced with PDP-Laban to form [illegible]. So if Zubiri is a PMP candidate, how can its partner, PDP-Laban, reject him?

But it would be a difficult situation indeed when the two bitter rivals have to campaign on the same stage. Of course, the party can remedy that by putting them in different teams when campaigning.

Cusp of greatness

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

(This was the talk I gave at the recent Grand Kalayaan Unity Ball in New Jersey. It's one way of looking at recent events from a broader perspective.)

MANY YEARS ago, a friend of mine invited me to the opening of a Filipino press club in the United States. But of course I'll attend, I said, and expressed elation that the place would finally have a Filipino press club. Oh, he said, it's not the first, it's the third. It was the third Filipino press club being launched there.

What happened? I asked. Well, he answered, the guy who lost in the election in the first press club decided to split after some time and put up his own press club. Then the guy who lost the election in the second press club decided to split after some time and put up his own press club.

My friend understood that it was such a small place to have three Filipino press clubs in, but what could he do? The people who put up the third press club were his friends, too, which was why he had agreed to invite people to its launching.

I did not go on to ask if there would be a fourth.

I guess that's a fairly familiar experience to you. We Filipinos can't seem to get our act together, we Filipinos can't seem to stay together. We split from organizations, we split from towns, we even split from the country. The only thing we can't seem to split from is our spouses. But that is not out of extraordinary loyalty, that is only out of the extraordinary policy of the Philippine Catholic Church banning divorce. A preoccupation Filipinos make, [illegible], namely by extraordinary extraordinarily [illegible] we have [illegible].

In fact, we even like to split from ourselves, to go by the split personalities many of our controversial public officials exhibit. You saw that only recently in the ex-Chief Justice who stood trial for a variety of sins and worked out a variety of personalities, saintly and devilish, judicious and devious.

Whatever the cause of this, it's earned us [illegible] a people that have fallen low in the esteem of our neighbors, and even lower in our own eyes. We like to disparage ourselves, also called crab mentality, we like to think others are better, also called colonial mentality. For four decades now, since martial law, our mindset has been one of getting by. Where other countries think of excellence and transcendence, we think of recovery and survival. Where other countries think of moving mountains, we think of moving, well, wherever it is we move to in the jobs.

You see that in the awe-inspiring difference between us and the Japanese. Last April was the first anniversary of the earthquake-tsunami that laid low Fukushima Prefecture in Tohoku, and the Internet carried pictures of the place one year after. The contrast between the disarray that it was in the aftermath of the disaster and its restoration to what it was before, if not to something better, was mind-boggling. You'd think the place had never been devastated. You'd think those lives had never been lost. One is tempted to say that their recovery is nothing short of miraculous, but that is not so to the Japanese. For them recovery is not an option, it is a given. Recovery is not something talked about, recovery is not something strived for, recovery is something merely done.

A country like that doesn't just survive, it triumphs.

By contrast, we remain in a mode where our leaders and too many of our citizens can't think beyond our nose, how we may survive. It is a lack of capacity to think heroically and act heroically. Or as I like to put it: Other people make love, other people make war, we just make do.

What makes all this astonishing is that we have an astounding tradition of heroism. We have an astounding array of accomplishments to make us proud of ourselves, to make us think there are no limits to what we can do.

We were, as 9 Nov pointed out in his Independence Day message, the first country in Asia to rise up against colonial rule. What makes that all the more astonishing is that unlike the Latin American revolutions of the 1820s which were led by the bourgeoisie elite or local bourgeoisie, ours was led by the plebeians. The Katipunan was founded and spurred to action not by a member of the landed class or the ilustrado but by a plebeian who sold canes and fans in Tondo. Well before Lenin led his uprising in Russia and Mao his own in China, Andres Bonifacio rose up against Spanish rule in the Philippines. Bonifacio (and later Emilio Aguinaldo) of course failed where the other two succeeded, largely because America preempted the party and stole the prize again, but that does not make the feat any less grand or heartwarming.

Just as well we were the first country in the world to initiate People Power. The concept of civil disobedience was there before, the concept of peaceful revolution was there before, but nobody had the imagination, or instinct, or inspired madness to suddenly and spontaneously join others in front of the camps, defying the guns defying the tanks, defying his obscure opinion of himself, other than the Filipino. And having done so, turned the event into a burst of colour, into an explosion of song, into a frantic, kaleidoscopic, melange of images typified by a nun adorning the mouth of the cannon of a tank with a garland of flowers. The tourism department is right: It's more fun in the Philippines. Even our uprisings are so.

And still just as well, we've managed to impeach a president and a chief justice, both of whom ended in a conviction. The first was decided by the people themselves, the second by the people whom the people had tasked to represent them.

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Rina Jimenez-David

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Ambeth R. Ocampo



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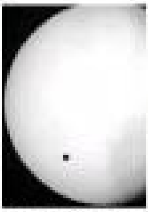
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No clear message

Venus blots sun's surface today

Once in a lifetime

Filtered telescope



IN TRANSIT This shows the sun ...

Spark curiosity

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Ordinary star

Latest celestial treat



London rocks for the queen

Queen arrives

Something for everyone

'A compassionate lady'

A sense of pride



P-Noy gets down to business in UK

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No Scarborough talks

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Lorenzo tops qualifying; Z'gosa No. 3



Team Pacquiao arrives in Vegas

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Roach wants KO win

By Roy Luarca



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Hoskins likens Manny to a Lamborghini

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Vengeful Lady Eagles get back at Tigresses

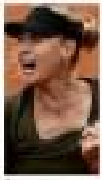
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Roaring Thunder turn back Spurs



Sharapova advances; Li crashes



SHARAPOVA

NLEX books finals slot; Big Chill forces KO



Tiu, Manalo set drag duel



TRAIL RUN

Desamito, Agura rule tough Merrell race

Culiat environmental creek run slated

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Shell nat'l chess tilt up

Unbeaten Lions, Bulldogs eye Filoil Cup semifinals



Southern Ladies golf under way



Pangasinan riders 1-2-3

Catalan rules; Galedo hangs on

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Show me the money: Morales rakes it in

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NBI probes online vending firm for fraud

20 customers lodge complaints over undelivered tour packages

By Joanne I. Andrade

AN ONLINE buying firm which offers a wide variety of goods and services, including tour packages, at discount prices is facing scrutiny by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) after several customers complained that they had been duped of their money.

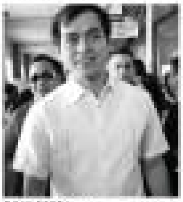


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NBI probes online vending firm



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ANNOUNCEMENT

The WORLD

China papers warn US on Asia buildup



BEIJING—China's top newspapers warned on Tuesday that the United States' plans to bolster its naval presence in the Asia-Pacific region threaten to widen rifts between the two big powers.

Editor Raul G. Marcelo ■ Assistant Editor Corrie S. Narisma

BUSINESS

Inflation rate slows slightly in May

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE	STOCK MARKET
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Stocks end higher

HSBC bullish on PH growth

By [illegible] and [illegible]

THE COUNTRY'S inflation rate decelerated slightly to 2.9 percent in May from 3 percent in April on slower price increases in housing, utilities, fuels and services, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said in a report released yesterday.

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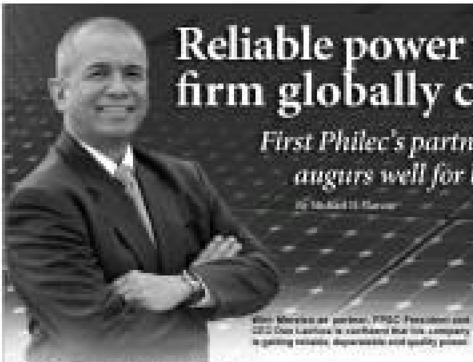
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Reliable power makes solar firm globally competitive

First Philec's partnership with Meralco augurs well for local power industry



Reliability and quality

Mutually beneficial





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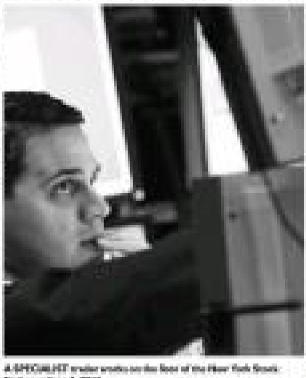
HSBC: China services industry expanded in May



Oil rates dip on lower demand, not politics, says Shell

Wynn says new Macau casino may cost $4B

US economic outlook worsens after jobs report



Bank directors told to undergo good governance training

BTr ready to provide PSALM's ₱80-B funding requirement



ROBERTO Tan

Philex reports ₱5.5B worth of shipments

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$500-M e-tricycle project to start this year

Gov't takes one step forward, two steps back

BUSINESS

Globe starts rollout of fiber optic cable

Network modernization's centerpiece

By Paolo G. Montecillo

GLOBE Telecom Inc., the country's second largest phone company, is laying down 10,000 kilometers of fiber-optic cable this year, as it aims to improve Internet speeds and service reliability for its subscribers across the country.

Following its recent bond issuance that gave the company an additional P10 billion, Globe said it would modernize thousands of its cell sites to cater to the emerging mobile data traffic brought about by the increased use of smart phones in the country.

"This is a far-reaching transformation that would result in vast improvements in Globe customer experience, quick and reliable call connections, instantaneous text messaging, blazing fast Internet browsing and proactively intelligent end-to-end customer support," Globe president Ernest Cu said.

He said that proceeds from the bond offer would all be used for the company's ongoing network modernization program.

The centerpiece of this modernization is the rollout of 10,000 kilometers of fiber-optic cable in the implementation of Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology that will bring high-speed data to mobile phones and other data terminals.

"We honestly believe that with our comprehensive transformation, which will enable us to serve customers better, Globe is advantageously positioned to become the most preferred brand among telecommunication service providers," he added.

On June 1, Globe officially traded P10 billion bonds in the organized market via the Philippine Dealing and Exchange Corp. (PDEx). The issuance was priced at 5.75 percent per year for the five-year tenor and six percent per year for the seven-year tenor.



ERNEST Cu

The company said it had opted to issue bonds to take advantage of the availability of cheap funds in the market brought about by low interest rates and benign inflation.

"The P10 billion bond offer is undoubtedly a great investment opportunity. We expect the investment community to aggressively seize the opportunity to benefit from it. I understand that we are already oversubscribed at this point in time," Cu said.

Globe is owned by Ayala Corp. and partner Singapore's SingTel group.

MOTORING



Back to school, safely

La Salle Greenhills and Safe-T-Ryders aim to improve road safety in its community



Defensive driving

Traffic rules, roads signs and markings

Right of way rules

Vehicle dynamics

Driving and intoxication

Duties and responsibilities of school service operators

Fundamentally satisfying to drive

The 4th evolution of the Honda CR-V (Comfortable Run-about Vehicle) is out to impress

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Aida Sevilla-Mendoza















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HARI PARTNERS WITH THE MIND MUSEUM



AUTO LOGISTICS FACILITY OPENS AT ATI PORT

Oh my G!

An INQUIRER writer gets giddy driving two new Benzes at the French Alps



FIRST THINGS first, please allow this author to express a "preface" for this story. As a motoring reporter who has been covering the beat for 14 years, there have been many invitations to try this and that car in this or that country. All of these, of course, have been exciting trips, and upon my return to my home country, these have enriched my memories, knowledge and automotive skills. Very rare, however, have been those assignments that have made me giddy with anticipation. This was one of them.





The "G-spot"



Livin' Grander

Nissan launches the Grand Livina Highway Star



By Jason K. Ang

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Oh my G!

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40 percent women

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MOTORING

Unmasking of 'Otto'

German Gunther Holtorf shares the secrets of a car that has gone 800,000 km through 199 countries



GUNTHER relaxing at the desert with his now deceased wife Christine in one of their travels.

By Tessa R. Salazar

HIS HERO'S name is made up of only two letters, but 74-year-old German Gunther Holtorf has gone 800,000 km through 199 countries inside his 1988 Mercedes-Benz 300GD, which he fondly calls "Otto." He has spent 23 years inside Otto, the first 20 alongside his wife Christine before she passed away. Gunther's journey continues with his sturdy G-Class, which is constantly 300 kg overweight because of the 400 spare parts and personal effects Gunther can't do without. Yet, despite being an overburdened beast, Otto has survived some of the most extreme driving conditions this planet could dish out—the Amazon Forest, African desert, the environs of Mt. Everest, and Siberia. Gunther and his enduring Otto have even been able to pass the political "iron curtains," being the first and only foreign car setting foot, (or treads) on North Korea and Cuba. Here's Otto, according to its intrepid owner:

What do you love about Otto? After 23 years behind the wheel, what can you say about its durability?

Otto runs only on "nuts and bolts," no electronic gimmicks. It's extremely sturdy, the engine is very reliable and long lasting without changes. The "box style" body offers a lot of space inside, while looking small from the outside. It has perfect offroad capabilities. It is one of the most durable 4x4s.

What 4x4 vehicles would you consider its closest competitors?

The older Toyotas are also very good. The same applies to the Land Rover. However, I doubt that competitors would be in such shape after 800,000 km.

What would you wish that the modern G Class and GLK Class would have?

The modern G and GLK classes are entirely different. The modern versions are all about power and electronics. The center drive train, however, is also perfect in the new G Class, and makes that car sturdier one for off-road.

What's Otto's downside?

Until 1989 the front wheel bearings were slightly underdimensioned.

Can you share some key specs of Otto?

- 3000 ccm diesel engine, five-cylinder inline, no charger
- mechanical injection pump
- 2,100 kg curb weight, car loaded weight up to 3,080 kg
- 2-wheel drive, manually changeable to 4-wheel plus transfer case, giving 100 percent additional power at 50 percent reduced speed. Both can be activated while in motion.

What has been the cost of running and operating your G class?

I apply preventive maintenance, which is more expensive but helps avoid many unforeseen problems. This costs me approximately 2,000 euros for every 100,000 km (mainly for shipping, hotels and other miscellaneous expenses).

What part in the Benz Museum will Otto be placed once it is retired?

It has been considered to be placed as a "champion" in the entrance or other prominent area.

Where in the world do you still need to go to?

Some 40,000 km still missing, thus completing the tour with 850,000 km. The next country is Japan and some other African countries.

What were the most important lessons in life you learned in 800,000 km of driving?

Three lessons: The world already is overpopulated; population is still growing at an alarming rate in those countries that already are incapable of satisfying their population's needs, and all of today's major world problems—scarcity of water and resources, climate change, pollution, and ecological imbalances—are only consequences of the first one.

What makes the Philippines different from other countries that you've visited?

The extremely friendly and helpful people.

The rather peculiar and unique form of public transport. I have seen motorbikes with six people, up to 15 people on a tricycle and nearly 40 on a jeepney many of them actively working their mobile phones.

The many signboards calling for "don't text and drive" may only be seen in the Philippines. It appears that half of the population is always texting the other half.

The most memorable places: Sagada/Banaue Rice terraces with the unbelievable rice terraces.



OTTO takes a breather at a temple near Mt. Everest.



OTTO is being offloaded for its next trip to Africa.

Why the Montero is useful in flood-prone roads



Shell launches more powerful gunk-cleaning fuels





Kia awards trip for two to watch the UEFA Euro 2012 in Ukraine







Small but terrible

SKID MARKS



Botchi Santos

Winkelman graces Lambo Manila opening

By Botchi Santos





Trucks on track: Taking a different driving test







Volvo V40 pedestrian airbag raises the bar for safety features

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THE ALL-NEW V40 makes Volvo the first manufacturer with a pedestrian airbag.



THE ENTIRE sequence from activation of the system to full inflation takes a few hundredths of a second.

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Tests with human-like dummy legs

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BPI Family Auto Loan free insurance promo extended until June 22

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LIFESTYLE Parenting



Lifestyle's latest online guide for parents

Your kid a picky eater? Want your boys to do things other than sports? These sites offer something for all kinds of needs —and concerns

WHETHER YOU'RE looking for a solution for picky eaters, breastfeeding advice or simply a way to let off steam, these parenting websites offer great tips, DIY projects and funny insights into parenthood.

• **New Parent** (http://www.new-parent.com)

First-time parents will want to keep this website in their bookmarks. The site offers a good mix of pregnancy, baby and toddler tips. Don't forget to check out the "Get











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'Mothers for Others' raise funds

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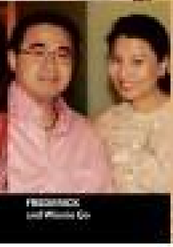
















Cool finds for your little dude and princess


LAYER school uniforms with this pink poncho hoodie.


COLOR-BLOCK cardigan


STRIPED cardigan for boys


SOPHIE lunch bag


TROLLEY with zipper by Fashion Girls


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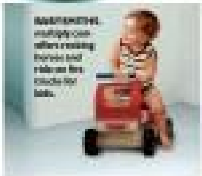


Lifestyle's latest online . . .

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CREATIVELY presented sandwich for picky eaters






STANDING, Maritess Mendoza Pizzalo, Bobby and Dolly Galang, (seated) Linda Lim, Marilou Garcia, Polly Aquino


ROBINSON'S president Frederick Go, Dette Tan, Migs Zubiri, Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian, Glenn Soco


WINNIE Go, Susay Vergara, Ruby Chua, Christine Jacjaro


VICKY Zubiri, Johnny Litton, Gladys Tuason


DETTE Tan (center) with Miguel Zubiri and wife Audrey Tan and their children, Adrienne and Juancho


MELISSA Fernandez, Minnie and Bobby del Rosario, Nikki Lizares, Rustie Agaña, Nerd Tuason


PABLO Garcia Moreno, Gov. Joe Zubiri, Dr. Joey Abalos

The rich also ask for doggy bags


WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH
Maurice Arcache
Photos by Alex Van Hagen
powered by MAC

THE LAST DAYS of summer are gone, dahlings, but it's still sooo hot, the humidity is awful. I really don't know which is worse, the heat or the humidity.

Whatever, we gotta live with it, di ba?

On the night of our vivacious Dette for a Day super fan Dette Aquino-Tan, we found a way to beat the heat—she welcomed her family and pals with flutes of chilled champagne, dahlings, and specially chosen hors d'oeuvres.

The guests chatted about travel, politics and that telenovela of The Roman Ocean, oops I mean, Corona affair, that finally ended after four months. Oh well.

In the gorgeous garden, aglow with candles and spruced up with flowers, was laid out a sumptuous buffet. It consisted of spinach and ricotta ravioli, seafood marinara pasta, salmon au gratin, prawns thermidor.

There was also an angus roast beef carving station—most everyone dug into it till only the bones was left. Sort them the ... ko hungry, pakyaggu.

One guest even asked the hostess, "May I have a doggy bag for some of the bones for my dog?"

Even the rich ask for doggy bags. The wish, of course, was granted, pakyaggu.

The last bite was at the dessert bar oozing with sinful, calorie laden cakes and chocolate truffles. "Ahh, the book with calorie-counting tonight," said fountain magnate, our pakyaggu, Rustie Agaña.

Among the 70 guests were Robinsons Land president Frederick Go with attractive wife Winnie; National Book Store's super couple Fred and Patty Ramos; eligible bachelor Mayor Sherwin Gatchalian with handsome Glenn Soco; Mega hotelier businessman Bobby del Rosario and top event host, my partner, Johnny Litton, dahlings.

Looking at Dette, soul told her, "You know, I think you, too, have stumbled on the fountain of youth."

Another great treat for your soul and gums for that ... for Dette Aquino-Tan, pakyaggu.

Casa Marcos revived

One of our iconic restos, Casa Marcos, the Spanish restaurant on Roxas Boulevard established in the '50s by former pelotari Marcos de Sodupe, just celebrated its first year at Tropa Circle in The Fort, dahlings.

Many will remember the restaurant being run by Ben del Rosario, ex-governor of GSIS, LandBank and National Housing Authority in the '50s, after Señor de Sodupe moved back to Spain.

Casa Marcos opened branches on Gilmore Avenue and Tomas Morato in Quezon City in the succeeding years before finally closing its doors in 2000.

Then came the founding of The Bread Bag Steakout for a Ortigas Home Depot in 2008, owned by Ben del Rosario's grandsons Jigger Galvez and business partner Kevin Khoo.

Among the nostalgia-laden ... spotted at Casa Marcos were Vice President Jejomar and Dr. Elenita Binay; Sen. Manny Villar; former Sen. Butch Aquino; Tony Boy Cojuangco; ... Cristina Barretto; Chiqui Cruz, Consul Agnes Huibonhoa; Tina Gamez of Info Book; Shaloon Gamboa of Ciudadella, Dr. Rodrigo Dominguez; Muriel Ortega of ... plus young entrepreneurs and the older crowd who prefer the sentimental ... in the evening.

Check out Casa Marcos at F.C.I Parkwood Heights, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Call 8507788 / 4922791. Casa Marcos Steak Tapas is at Unit ..., Ortigas Home Depot, J. Vargas St., Pasig. Tel. 4703637.

Ever New Melbourne opens

To diamond, fragile goods, Australian fashion brand, Ever New Melbourne, founded in Melbourne, its up Southbank High Street, Central, with its eye-catching collection of ... and ... apparel and accessories.

The young and stylish guests, dahlings—over 400 of them—enjoyed the high-fashion opening. The girls dashed around the store, in a shopping frenzy, swooning around racks of Ever New Melbourne's gorgeous dresses, tops, shoes, necklaces and bracelets.

Guests were treated to—hear we go again, these ... two words—brand Ambassadors— from the circle... Ever New Fashion Clique. Personalities on the fashion front received fabulous style advice and gift certificates, no worries, pakyaggu.

"This brand celebrates the feminine beauty of women, with a signature style, inspired by global trends in art, film, music and theater, haute couture runway shows in Paris, London, Milan and New York," said Thailan president Frank Brisman who welcomed the enthusiastic guests, dahlings.

Like in most "openings," guests were treated to "oh so-so refreshing and so good" cocktails—strawberry and blueberry banana smoothies from the already popular Jamba Juice. The Ever New shopping bags were filled with goodies, pakyaggu.

Ever New Melbourne is at 3 Azure Block, Bonifacio High Street Central. Follow @EverNewPH on Twitter.

Philippine Tatler's British Issue June 2012

"The Philippine Tatler has built a reputation for giving its readers exclusive features not only locally but internationally as well. It has traveled to the United States, Spain, France, Italy and England to source the photographs and stories that tell of rare experiences in luxe living," explained Tatler's pillar of success Irene Muriel Francisco, managing director of the magazine, dahlings.

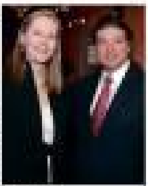
For June, Tatler again has a first, and a recent tribute—its special British issue covering everything Britain has to give a toast to. It's the tribute to Queen Elizabeth II, who celebrates the diamond jubilee of her ascendancy to the throne.

Check out the Gallery section to see a series of marvelous portraits of the queen as well as a private tour of the Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and some more exclusives as it visits established UK-based Filipinos who give their success stories.

"Opening their homes, which they don't normally do, are Lulette Monsod-Mumford and Katrina Perdiller-Craig, plus other more successful Filipinos in London explaining why life in London is so wonderful, and another first The Prospero World Fashion Show, a showcase of pure Filipino talent that was held in London and going behind the scenes and more!" Tatler editor Anton San Diego told us.

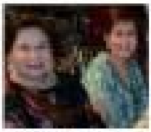
Now it's my turn, dahlings. Moi loved the exciting profile of designers Paul Smith and Christopher Bailey, two awesome names that defined the British (and international) fashion scene. Also read about "Downton Abbey," everyone's favorite TV drama, and the handsome classical-pop group Blake, as they model head-to-toe British gear.

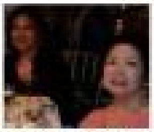
Definitely a must-have issue, dahlings.

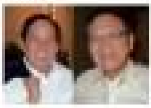


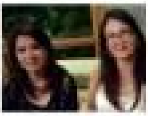
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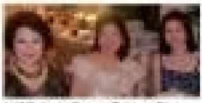
In sorry pakyaggu, it's not Kristine Brinker, it should be Romain Ramos and her husband Frederick Ramos which came out on the June 1 issue.


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MANDI Morales and Pinky Ramos


DICK Gordon and Rep. Meo Defensor


JAMIE Castillo and Aiko Coloneses

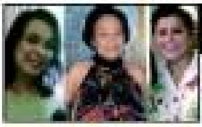

MABEL Agudo, Marvena Defensor, Elisa Antonio


CHARLENE Yu and Alex Yu


GRANDchildren of the original Casa Marcos Nena del Rosario (seated, third from left) with granddaughters Selena Barnales, Bobbi del Rosario and Jigger Galvez. Standing, Colleen Robinson, Marisa del Rosario Galvez, Mollie Galvez, Dennis Galvez, Tina Barnales and Luisa del Rosario.

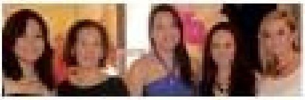
STANDING, Marissa Galvez, Ana Marruzo, Mira and Victor Buencamino, Weng Tolentino and Nasy Tolentino, (seated) Socorro Marruzo, Nena and Rosario del Rosario at Casa Marcos Ortigas branch



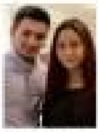

ERIN LOREN Lagarde, Mona del Rosario, Rep. Gina de Venecia

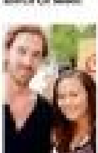

BAYLINGBABAI, family, Aldo, mom Rose, Bobby and dad Victor Buencamino


STANDING, Cecilia Gutierrez, Marie Chua and Rosario del Rosario, (seated) Cecille Uy and Nena del Rosario


VISUAL Concepts marketing manager Trosh Diaz and general manager Cosette Brown with Ever New brand manager Marian Abucay, International Wearables founder Jessica Abadijh and senior business manager Michelle Hayden


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MIGUEL Vazquez and Ch Cit Sison


NICOLAS Breen and Caroline Schmitt


IN TRIBUTE to HRH Queen Elizabeth II's 60th anniversary on the throne

What his son saw in heaven

From the angels to Jesus' 'markers'—a book caught my attention

Audrey Tan-Zubiri



MAMA DIARIES

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This mother finds the photo 'scandalous'

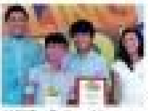
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Former child beggar forms Caring Children

By Jovic Yee







Giving slippers, books to streetkids, Valdez is just one of the kids showing passion for advocacies

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HOME







FOREIGN Secretary Albert del Rosario proposes a toast to Italian Ambassador Luca Fornari

From the grand tent to the food—caramelized cambozola, hot risotto, gelato—jazz music, the evening was a smash

CRYSTAL candelabra plays against the earthy textures of fruits, wooden board, fruits and tropical flowers.



The Fornaris' touch makes Italian National Day memorable

Margarita and chefs

Organic and metallic

Jazz





SILVANA Fornari



[illegible]



AMBASSADOR Luca Fornari, [illegible]



NORWEGIAN Ambassador Knut Solem, Chinese Ambassador Ma Keqing, Spanish Ambassador Jorge Domecq



US AMBASSADOR Harry Thomas, Chito Sobrepeña, German Ambassador [illegible]



MAYOR of Forlimpopoli Paolo Zoffoli, Archbishop Giuseppe Pinto, Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario, Ambassador Fornari



DUTCH Albert, Indonesian Ambassador Kristiarto Legowo, Chilean Ambassador Roberto Mayorga, Cris Albert

The Fornaris' touch makes Italian National Day memorable



THE DYNAMIC FOCAL arrangement of candles and fruits emphasizes the traditional look of the formal dining room. [illegible]

From page D1

Sardinian-style, deboned and roasted in its own juices.

Vegetarians enjoyed the eggplant and zucchini rolls, crispy squash flower and mushroom fritters and asparagus coated with perfectly crisped bread crumbs. The pizza margherita was given a twist—fresh arugula lent the bitter flavor.

The [illegible] was an amazing sight with its feathery textures and truffle [illegible] topping.

Hot risotto

An area was dedicated to pasta prepared by Casa Artusi and [illegible]. The [illegible] chef tossed hot risotto inside a giant ball of cheese and flavored it with [illegible] and pears.

Meanwhile, the Italian guest chef prepared the special [illegible], a pasta with [illegible]. The [illegible], tagliatelle and [illegible] were golden yellow and fine.

In the garden, guests enjoyed the variety of Italian dolci, the dense slab of chocolate torte, sweet dough fritters and the famous cream gelato, done under the supervision of [illegible]. They were served in [illegible] glasses.

The event would not have been complete without the famous [illegible], the [illegible] cheese cake, prepared by the embassy chef.

The [illegible] and [illegible] prompted an Italian to say "Viva Italia!"



THE DECOR connects to the earth with the use of flowers, vines, vegetables and food



VEGETABLE and ricotta fritters are wrapped in paper cones



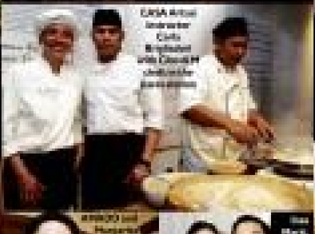
AT THE vegetarian station, breads are filled with mushrooms, vegetables, anchovy and truffle butter and salmon slices. Warm lanterns make for lighting fixtures.



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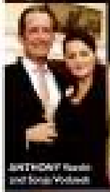
[illegible] FORNARI [illegible]



CASA Artusi [illegible]



AUTHENTIC Italian pasta has a golden-yellow color. [illegible]



ANTHONY [illegible]



FRANCES Lim, Swiss Ambassador Ivo Sieber, [illegible]



ENRICO and Margaret Fornari



Ana Maria, Mario [illegible]



PATRICK [illegible], US Ambassador Harry Thomas



SINGAPOREAN Ambassador [illegible], Israeli Ambassador Menashe Bar-on



ED CALMA, [illegible]



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GIGI Montinola, Eldon Cruz



RAMON [illegible]

ComicRelief

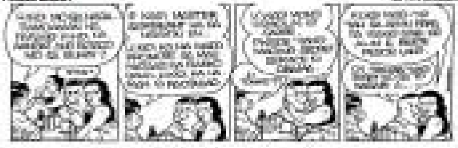
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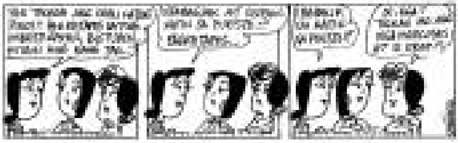
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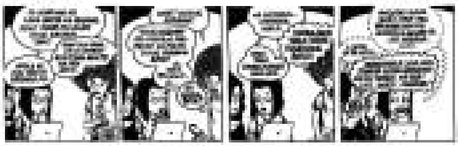
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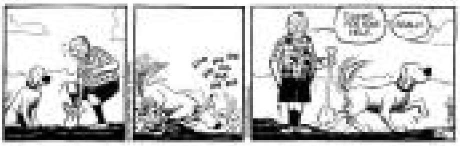
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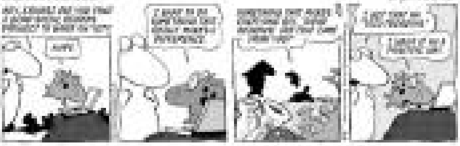
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TULDOK — BY MARIA COLL



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): [illegible]

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): [illegible]

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): [illegible]

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): [illegible]

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): [illegible]

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): [illegible]

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): [illegible]

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): [illegible]

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): [illegible]

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): [illegible]

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PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): [illegible]

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

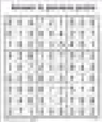
Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

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2					5			
7					4			
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4	9	6			7	1	5	
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Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle



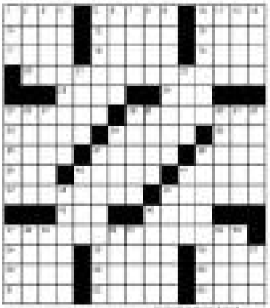
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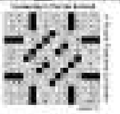
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DOWN

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Vertical garden rises in Makati hotel

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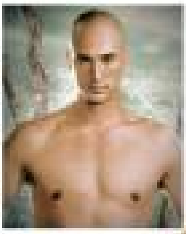
"Thelma" wins bronze in Mexico

CHEER FACTOR

Powerful personality hassles visiting artist's entourage

By the Entertainment Staff







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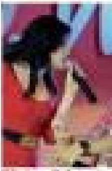


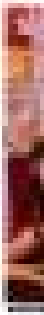
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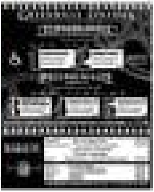
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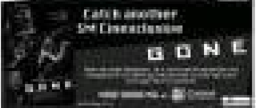


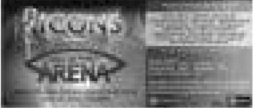






CINEMA





An award for 'dirtbag' Aniston

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Other winners

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Obama fundraiser

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Opening Today



Boy Pick-Up The Movie

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[illegible]

ATM

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Prometheus

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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted

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Nora wants her voice back

Superstar is Boston-bound again for a long-overdue throat surgery



Banished

New movie

Real-life

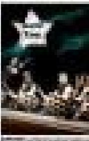
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'Wil Time' in SF



Laotian star heads PH indie film cast

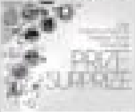
OPM concert to formally launch MoA Arena





MOVIE TIME

MOVIE SPECIAL



MALL EVENTS

MALL SPECIAL



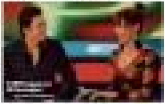


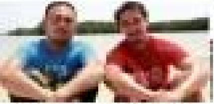




Zoren, BB may do a 'teleserye'







Laotian star heads PH...





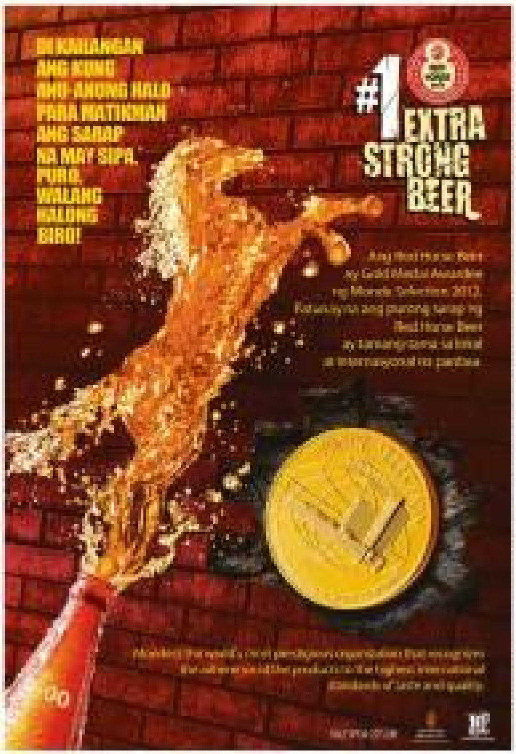
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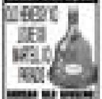
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